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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Governor Blanco Recognizes Environmental Achievers

Governor Kathleen Blanco today recognized eight members of the Louisiana Environmental Leadership program for their achievements in pollution prevention, community outreach and implementation of management systems for environmental improvements. She also gave special recognition awards to other organizations for their exemplary projects.

The awards were presented at the seventh annual Governor's Environmental Leadership Awards ceremony held on March 31 at the state capitol. Five new members joined the Environmental Leadership Program and they, too, were recognized. Before joining the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program, a facility must commit to a set of environmental principles and standards and submit a pollution prevention plan containing voluntary waste reduction goals to the DEQ.

Blanco was pleased to see the effort the members put into protecting human health and the environment.

"I applaud these award-winning companies for setting such a high standard for protecting our state's environment," Blanco said. "The fact that they have succeeded while pursuing environmental excellence proves that we can create jobs while protecting our environment. A cleaner environment is a top priority of my administration and these facilities are meeting the challenge. Industries such as these lead by example and are the forefront of the new way of doing business in Louisiana."

Mike McDaniel, DEQ Secretary, assisted in presenting the awards. He expressed the importance of the voluntary efforts that go beyond compliance and prevent pollution.

"We all share responsibility for the stewardship of our environment. In the past, we have relied on a command-and-control regulatory approach to achieve environmental improvements," McDaniel said. "We now recognize that voluntary cooperative efforts through innovative pollution prevention and community outreach can play a significant role in helping us achieve the long-term environmental progress we all seek. The Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program Awards recognized the efforts of those who have gone above and beyond simple regulatory compliance to substantially improve our environment."

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The special recognition awards went to:

ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company, Baton Rouge Refinery, for Outstanding Nutrient Reduction Achievement Award. This reduction is of special importance because it reduces the nutrient load to the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.

LSU AgCenter's W.A. Callegari Environmental Research and Training Center in Baton Rouge, was recognized with a Waste Minimization Achievement Award for a beneficial reuse project that includes developing state-of-the-art composting technology.

Green Project Store in New Orleans was honored with a Waste Minimization Achievement Award for its reductions in post-consumer wastes through recycle and reuse of paints and building materials.

The last special recognition was awarded to the Downtown Baton Rouge Trolley Project, which received the Ozone Reduction Achievement Award.

For information on how to become a member, check the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.la.us/assistance/elp/index.htm>

The program has been active since 1995 and has more 90 members.

A list of the award recipients is attached.

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GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP
AWARDS 2003

**LOUISIANA FACILITIES RECOGNIZED BY GOVERNOR BLANCO
FOR PROJECTS DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP
IN POLLUTION PREVENTION, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
INVOLVEMENT**

Pollution Prevention Project Achievement Awards

General Motors (Shreveport)

For recovery and reuse of approximately 408 million standard cubic feet of landfill gas in the plant boilers.

Contact: David Burroughs (318) 683-9267

Ciba Specialty Chemicals (St. Gabriel)

For further reducing the amount of dye sent to the facility's wastewater effluent stream by providing treatment of the cleanup water through a new reverse osmosis recovery unit. The recovered dye is reused resulting in a savings of more than 17,000 pounds per year of reactive dye that otherwise would have been released to the environment.

Contact: Urs Keller (225) 757-4015

East Baton Rouge City/Parish DPW – Environmental Division (Baton Rouge)

For North Landfill project to provide a daily cover to the work face with slurry fiber mulch. A savings of up to 25 percent landfill space will be achieved through using hydromulch.

Contact: Jorge Ferrer (225) 389-5456

Motiva Enterprises LLC – Convent Refinery (Convent)

For biosludge land farm redesign project to prevent overflow of unsettled solids, which in turn, generated F037 hazardous waste; this project resulted in the beneficial reuse of 29,000 cubic yards of biosludge.

Contact: William Paul (225) 562-6328

Pollution Prevention Program Achievement Awards

Lamp Recyclers of Louisiana, Inc. (Hammond)

For comprehensive reuse, recovery, and recycling program managing mercury and PCBs, and other post-consumer materials. Lamp Recyclers has increased the percent recycled from 90 percent in 2002 to 94 percent in 2003 while almost doubling the tonnage of materials handled.

Contact: Arthur Shilling (985) 345-4147

Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company – Michoud Operations (New Orleans)

For energy conservation projects and activities at Michoud Assembly Facility that have resulted in a 40 percent reduction in direct and indirect green house gas emissions per each External Tank manufactured and an avoidance of 124 million pounds of greenhouse emissions in 2003 when compared to the baseline period.

Contact: Rebecca Jordan (504) 257-3436

Environmental Management Systems Recognition Awards

Lamp Recyclers of Louisiana, Inc. (Hammond)

For implementation of an Environmental Management System, incorporated into their day-to-day operations of a mercury waste recycling facility, thus reducing discharges to rivers and lands of 981,000 pounds of toxic metals. Lamp Recyclers is registered to ISO 14001 and has implemented a “no-landfill” policy.

Contact: Arthur Shilling (985) 345-4147

Marathon Ashland Petroleum (Garyville)

For implementation of an Environmental Management System that commits the facility for continual improvement to achieve exemplary environmental performance. Marathon Ashland’s 268,000 barrels per day Garyville refinery is the first refinery in the United States accepted for membership into EPA’s National Environmental Performance Track Program.

Contact: Paula Bremer (985) 535-7142

Community Environmental Outreach Achievement Awards

Marathon Ashland Petroleum (Garyville)

For VOC and Particulate Matter ambient air monitoring network with three sites, to ensure that the air quality of the community is protected.

Contact: Elizabeth Olavesen (985) 535-2241

Motiva Enterprises LLC – Norco Refinery (Norco)

For implementing and air monitoring program to improve the quality of life in Norco, Louisiana and to created an environment that both the community and company prosper from for years to come.

Contact: Fred Goodson (504) 465-7609

East Baton Rouge City/Parish DPW – Environmental Division (Baton Rouge)

For community education program to reduce fats, oils and grease discharge to the sanitary sewer, and in turn, reduce the number of dry weather overflow events. Additionally, EBR City /Parish implemented an ozone outreach program which provided information to the public.

Contact: Jorge Ferrer (225) 389-5456

Outstanding Nutrient Reduction Achievement Award

ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company – Baton Rouge Refinery (Baton Rouge)

For reduction of nitrate releases in the refinery effluent stream from 2.51 million pounds per year in 2001 to 1.47 million pounds per year in 2003.

Contact: Walt Eldredge (225) 977-7598

Waste Minimization Achievement Awards

W.A. Callegari Environmental Research and Training Center (Baton Rouge)

For being a world leader in a compost training and research facility providing technology in organic byproduct recycling and beneficial reuse to agriculture, municipalities and other organic waste generators.

Contact: William A. Carney, Ph.D. (225)578-6998

Green Project Store (New Orleans)

For neighborhood revitalization through creative recycling, Green Project Store recovered and reused 7,500 gallons of paint and over 300,000 pounds of building materials in year 2003.

Contact: Barbara Caldwell (594) 945-0240

Ozone Reduction Achievement Award

Downtown Baton Rouge Trolley Project (Baton Rouge)

For purchase and installation of five Compressed Natural Gas fueled trolley buses that are providing public transportation in the Baton Rouge downtown area. This demonstration area serves to encourage ozone reduction initiatives in the five-parish nonattainment area.

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